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Enrolment of Students
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had recently reviewed the enrolment of school students in rural areas in all the States in the country especially Jharkhand;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the education standard of primary and secondary in the country specially in rural areas; and
(d) the details of funds spent for improving the quality of education through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat during each of the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), an autonomous body under Ministry of Human Resource Development, collects information from all the schools (government, aided and private) annually on various educational indicators including enrolment of students in rural areas across all States and UTs including Jharkhand, through Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE). The State/UT-wise enrolment of students in rural areas at elementary (classes I to VIII) and secondary (classes IX to X) levels as per UDISE, 2015-16 are at Annexure-I.
(c): The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has developed draft Learning Outcomes for classes I to VIII in Languages (Hindi, English and Urdu), Mathematics, Environmental Studies, Science and Social Science, after consultations with States, UTs, States Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERTs) and education experts. The Learning Outcomes developed by NCERT are the minimum levels of learning to facilitate the assessment of students.
It is proposed to include these defined Learning Outcomes in the Central Rules of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. These Rules will be applicable to all schools including government, aided and private schools.
Further, the NCERT conducts periodic national surveys of learning achievement of children in grades III, V and VIII and X. Four rounds of National Achievement Survey (NAS) have been conducted so far for grade V and three rounds for grade III & VIII. These reveal improvement in learning achievement levels of pupils, in identified subjects from first round to fourth round. Since only first round of NAS has been conducted at grade X level, it is not possible to comment on the comparative learning achievement or decline of students of grade X. From current year onwards, Government has decided to conduct annual National Achievement Surveys in all government and government aided schools. The students learning assessment will be according to the Learning Outcomes developed by NCERT for all subjects covering all classes in the elementary cycle.
The Centrally Sponsored Scheme Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) meant for universalisation of secondary education envisages enhancing the enrollment ratio by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation, improving quality of education imparted at secondary level through making all secondary schools conform to prescribed norms, removal of gender, socio-economic and disability barriers. The scheme provides additional classrooms, science laboratory, library, computer room, art/craft/culture room, toilets, drinking water facilities etc in new secondary schools and existing secondary schools, to increase enrolment rate especially of students of SC, ST, Minority and Girl students at secondary stage. Interventions like survey and identification of out of school children, awareness programme, special teaching for learning enhancement, etc. have also been supported under RMSA.
(d): State-wise details of funds released on the approved activities under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during the last two years and the current year are at Annexure-II. Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat is a subcomponent of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.